

Grantland Rice Joins The Tribune

TO SAY that we are mightily pleased to welcome GRANTLAND RICE to the columns of THE TRIBUNE is to put it mildly. We had already established a high standard of excellency for our Sporting Pages, under the direction of G. Herbert Daley, Sporting Editor ("Herbert"), with the assistance of such clever specialists as Heywood Broun, Fred Hawthorne and others—but THE TRIBUNE has been speeding up its pace in all departments and the Sporting Pages must necessarily swing into the fast-travelling line.

GRANTLAND RICE is just the man to give the desired momentum. He has done great work in the past. With the "atmosphere" and the opportunities he will find here we feel certain this young genius will do the best work of his career.

In the great world of Sports GRANTLAND RICE ranks

Amateur Golf Champion.

I wish to congratulate you on securing the services of Mr. Grantland Rice, who is, without doubt, the most able sporting writer that I know. His fine personality has won him a host of friends, and I think you are very fortunate in securing such a competent man as Mr. Rice.

F. OUMET.

Western Amateur Golf Champion.

Hearty congratulations upon your good fortune in securing the services of Mr. Grantland Rice. I read everything he writes about golf with great pleasure, even when I do not agree with him, for I consider him one of the most entertaining writers in the country. If he could be induced to write more about the game of golfers of America would be happier.

"CHICK" EVANS.

Editor of "Collier's."

The New York Tribune and Grantland Rice are both to be congratulated. A newspaper which publishes daily on the editorial page the F. P. A. column and the Weed cartoon, together with the Briggs cartoon, is just the paper that deserves to have Grantland Rice on the sporting page. Rice writes a better mixture of prose and sentimental poetry than any other living recorder of sports. But Rice is more than clever. He is high-minded, with a point of view whose cleanness and wholesomeness really add something tangible and valuable to the existence of those who follow his work. Grantland Rice belongs on The Tribune, but I hope that won't interfere with his continuing to be one of "Collier's" favorite contributors.

MARK SULLIVAN.

Editor of "Harper's Weekly."

The increase in enterprise and interest of The New York Tribune recently has been remarkable. The addition of Grantland Rice to its forces means a very strong future for those who follow sports. For one, I am never satisfied unless I keep track of Rice's comments.

NORMAN HAPGOOD.

Managing Editor "The American Magazine."

I have seen G. R. come and conquer. He is a corker. He knows baseball; he can write like a breeze, and—what's more—he thinks absolutely straight. No man in the game is more widely read or universally respected. Heartiest congratulations.

ALBERT A. BOYDEN.

Magazine Headliner.

That settles it. I am your constant reader as long as you keep him. I can live without news, editorials and reviews. Several times I have been so blind to the best that I failed to see what Briggs did that day; and one blank, dreary morning I didn't read F. P. A., but I can't imagine myself missing Grantland Rice.

WILL IRWIN.

Illustrator and Humorist.

Hearty congratulations for your acquisition of Grantland Rice. While I dislike the game of baseball more than any one in America, and will promise not to read a word Grantland says about it either on weekdays or Sundays, I know seven or eight people who will, and I am convinced that he will tell these deluded fans what they want to know in the way they would like to read it. If at any time he should turn his talents to something really interesting he will find a constant reader in

JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG.

Manager Chicago "Feds."

I wish to congratulate you on securing Grantland Rice, as I have watched his work from the time I had the pleasure of meeting him in Nashville, Tenn., and I consider him one of the greatest sporting writers. I wish him and your paper every success.

JOE TINKER.

Editor of "The American Golfer."

Grantland Rice achieved his first success as Southern golf correspondent of "The American Golfer." He has gone on improving, and The Tribune has scored a "birdie" in securing his services.

WALTER J. TRAVIS.

Many Time Golf Champion.

The New York Tribune is indeed fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Grantland Rice. As a writer on sports he has no equal.

JEROME D. TRAVERS.

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GRANTLAND RICE.

What Big Men Think of Him!

National Lawn Tennis Champion.

Grantland Rice and The Tribune are both to be congratulated. Mr. Rice's articles carry great weight and it pleases me to see that you are keeping up your paper to its usual high standing, as I have always considered it the very best New York paper.

RICHARD N. WILLIAMS, 2d.

Supreme Court Judge.

I have just learned that Mr. Grantland Rice joins your staff on January 1st, and I cannot refrain from expressing my congratulations to you upon securing the services of one whose facile pen has furnished so much pleasure to the lovers of America's national game.

BARTOW WEEKS.

Lawyer and Author.

The Tribune is to be congratulated upon attaching to its staff an able and entertaining commentator of the Here and Now. Grantland Rice can stick his pen into the world of sport or the world of no sport and, like a chef spearing a cake with a straw, can show you whether things are raw, done or half baked.

RICHARD WASHBURN CHILD.

Author of "Graustark."

You are to be congratulated upon the acquisition of Grantland Rice as a member of your staff. His column in "The Mail" has long been one of the features of that paper, not only for its sporting interest but on account of its brightness and its general literary qualities.

GEORGE BARR McCUTCHEON.

Mentor of Yale Athletics.

Congratulations on securing one of the best of our sporting writers.

WALTER CAMP.

Coach of Harvard Eleven.

You are to be congratulated upon securing the services of Grantland Rice.

P. D. HAUGHTON.

King of Drop Kickers.

Congratulations on securing Grantland Rice for your paper. Have enjoyed his writing very much.

C. E. BRICKLEY.

Trainer of Cornell Athletes.

Congratulations to The Tribune for securing such a noted writer on sports as Grantland Rice. He will prove a valuable addition to the excellent corps of writers on your sporting staff.

JOHN F. MOAKLEY.

Coach of Columbia University Crew.

With Grant Rice on The Tribune, an already excellent sporting page will be made one of the best in the country. In my opinion, an analyst is as necessary for a sporting department as for a finance or a news department, and I know of no better one than Grant Rice. He is often the first man to see the significance of statistics, and as far as any one can do anything Grant Rice is usually right.

Any paper that could get the services of such a sterling writer is to be congratulated, and I am glad to add my compliments to those of the rest. I am also pleased to note that Rice is as fine a fellow as his name would indicate.

JAMES C. RICE.

Coach of University of Michigan Eleven.

Congratulations on your securing the services of Grantland Rice. I consider him at the top of the list in his line of work. He has a wide grasp of the various sports and writes interestingly and intelligently about them. All his style and manner in presenting his subjects are different from the usual writer and hold the interest of the reader from start to finish. His page is so bright that many turn to it first of all, and I am one of the many. Congratulating you, I am,

FIELDING H. YOST.

high not only as a Critic but as a Constructive Analyst. Many say he has no peer. He lends a helping hand to the youngster battling for honors. He encourages the athlete in the full prime of his success. He draws to him the man whose active days for sport are over, but who still feels the thrill of the contest.

What do other people think of GRANTLAND RICE? Here are a few expressions of opinion from men in various walks of life. All are from men whose names are known to everybody. Among them are great editors, men of letters, judges, lawyers and men who have won their spurs in various departments of sports. Lastly, but not the least important—you will find included the boosts of brother craftsmen on other great newspapers—all "big" men—"big" enough to come right out without reserve and say how "big" GRANTLAND RICE looks to them.

Sporting Writer "New York American."

The Tribune gets a champion when it gets Grantland Rice. He is in a class by himself. No contenders are even close. He has more than any other sporting writer in the country and knows how to use it better. I heartily congratulate you. You are lucky.

DAMON RUNYON.

Sporting Writer "New York Evening World."

Anybody who gets Grantland Rice is to be congratulated. The best evidence of what I think of his work is that I was among the first who persuaded him to come to New York.

BOZEMAN BULGER.

Sporting Writer "New York World."

There is no newspaper in existence to which Grantland Rice would not be a decided acquisition. Clear-eyed and unafraid, he has always stood for what was best in sport and finest in the greater game, and those of us who know him are proud to call ourselves his friends.

WALTER TRUMBULL.

Metropolitan Golf Champion.

Congratulations on securing Grantland Rice to write for your paper. You undoubtedly have obtained the best writer of sports in the United States.

OSWALD KIRKBY.

Sporting Writer of Chicago.

Grant Rice is the only baseball writer extant who can make facts interesting and tell the truth about ball players and hold their friendship. My dope figures him to hit .371 on the "Trib" team, which, strengthened by the drafting of Briggs and the purchase of Old Frank Adams, dopes to win the pennant.

HUGH S. FULLERTON.

"Fair Play," of "New York Evening Post."

Not so many years ago the first exchange I asked for each day was "The Nashville Tennessean." This because a man named Grantland Rice was writing of sports therein. I read him assiduously; hence, while I may not qualify as the original G. Rice man of this section, I feel I must be among the originals.

The things about him that struck me were his ability to say something good and stop; his eye for color note; his extraordinary sense of the dramatic and the sweep and swing of his verse—which last I believe he keeps in check rein for fear of being called a poet.

I don't know Grantland Rice, but I know his work. Upon the basis of this knowledge I extend to The Tribune heartiest congratulations upon securing his inimitable services.

LAWRENCE PERRY.

Sporting Writer of "New York Globe."

The New York Tribune certainly deserves congratulations for its enterprise in becoming the medium to exploit Grantland Rice's views on sports and the broader things in life. His ideals are high, his logic is wonderful and his views are untrammelled. His command of language and his ingenuity of argument are admirable and they all reflect the man behind the pen. I know of no finer character among writers on sports. One of the best tributes I can pay to Grantland Rice is that I have never heard anybody speak unkindly of him.

The sporting writers of New York and the entire country wish him well in his new surroundings, and The Tribune will never be on the wrong side as long as it keeps "playing the game with Grantland Rice."

SID MERCER.

Sporting Writer of "Chicago Tribune" and Author of

"Letters of a Bushier," in Saturday Evening Post.

editor for the N. Y. city tribune. Gents. dear Sir. I herd where you got this here grandland Rice reiting for you on & after the 1 of jan. & I wisht you would stick my name in your maling list if you got such a list like that & male me your paper every day from the 1 of Jan. evry day accept Sunday exclusive. male the paper to what my name is & then stick the address on to the out side—I will get it o. k. & the address is box 163 riverside. Ills. & the box to which I refer to is p o box & not no ice box. you can send me the bill how much it is to the same address like what you send the paper to & I will pay what ever is it only i work on a paper myself & may be you make reduckshuns & give me the best price you are able only weather you give me a bargun or don't give me no bargun but hold me up for the reglar price I got to read your paper & see what this here grandland Rice got to say. & oblige.

RING W. LARDNER.

"Big Bill."

Grantland Rice stands for clean athletics and has ideas of his own on coaching, training and developing college teams. Many have profited by his advice. He is always welcome at Princeton and it is always a pleasure for me to hear him at our dinners discussing college athletics.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS.

Manager of the Braves.

Accept my heartiest congratulations in adding Grantland Rice to your efficient staff of sport writers. I consider Grantland Rice one of the most brilliant and reliable authorities on baseball. One who has the knack of touching the pulse of the sport loving public.

G. T. STALLINGS.

Manager of Athletics.

Grantland Rice has no superior in his line, and there is no doubt but what the readers of your paper will appreciate fully what The Tribune has done for them by engaging this great writer.

CONNIE MACK.

Star Pitcher of Senators.

I congratulate you on securing such a valuable man as Mr. Rice. He knows baseball—knows how to write it, and is one of the best fellows I ever met.

WALTER JOHNSON.

President New York Giants.

Always considered Grantland Rice one of the fine young men of his profession, and you are to be congratulated.

H. N. HEMPSTEAD.

Secretary New York Giants.

Permit me to congratulate you upon securing the services of a loyal, conscientious and admirable writer upon sporting topics, especially baseball. More than that, a man whose warmth of nature and genial atmosphere make him one of the most lovable characters of all the sporting writers in the United States.

JOHN B. FOSTER.

Secretary of National League.

We look upon Grantland Rice not only as an authoritative writer on baseball, but as one whose high ideals of the game make for a fine spirit of competition, good fellowship and good sportsmanship.

The Tribune is to be congratulated on signing him. We hope you retain an option of perpetual reserve on his services.

JOHN A. HEYDLER.

King of Second Basemen.

The Tribune has made a master stroke in securing the services of a man so well versed in all the angles of sportdom and one so able to write entertainingly as Grantland Rice.

EDWARD T. COLLINS.

Sporting Writer of "N. Y. Evening Telegram."

The New York Tribune is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of such a sterling writer and gentleman as Grantland Rice. He is undoubtedly without a peer. I regard it as my good fortune to be personally acquainted with a man of his calibre and ability. I thank you for this opportunity to publicly express my congratulations and well wishes.

P. T. KNOX.

Sporting Writer "New York Sun."

The writer takes credit to himself for discovering Grant Rice, and for this discovery The Tribune, now that Rice is about to join its staff, should be grateful. A pithy, picturesque style, versatility, shrewd grasp of the whys and wherefores of his subject, a muse trained to disburse prose and poetry in a way as facile as it is vigorous—that's Rice. But I have this objection: Whenever I read what he has to say, which is about as often as he says it, I always say to myself: "Now, why couldn't I have thought of that?"

WM. B. HANNA.

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